

Opposition to SR 12 and HR 11 RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES
BARGAINING AGENT COALITION (SEBAC).

Good Afternoon, Senator Osten, Senator Miner, Rep Walker, and Rep France, and members of the Appropriations Committee

My name is Kim Healy. I am an elected member of the Wilton Board Selectman, but I am here to testify as a private citizen and all comments are my own.

I am here to voice my opposition to SR12 and HR11 - the SEBAC agreement. Every news report I have seen on this agreement and the [fiscal note](#) has laid out its shocking cost of nearly \$1.9 billion for the taxpayers of our state due to guaranteed large annual raises, bonuses and retroactive pension increases.

I am a CPA and have been a volunteer tax preparer consistently for the past decade. I serve low-income and retired individuals who struggle every day to afford the high costs of living in our state. They are heavily burdened by record inflation at over 8%, medical insurance rate increases and medical cost increases, one of the country's highest electricity rates, sales taxes, and home and property taxes. They are over extended and fed up, and who could blame them. Today is Tax Day. We are required to file our federal and state returns. People want to know where their tax dollars are going. They want to know who is advocating for them. This agreement was negotiated in secret. It is clear why that happened since if it was done so with transparency, this deal would have been more in line with how our private sector is compensated.

Our not-for- profits, self-employed and many small and medium sized businesses are still hurting from the covid restrictions imposed by the state - let's use the savings from a better negotiated agreement to support them appropriately.

The SEBAC agreement is a bad deal for Connecticut. It is tone deaf and appears to even regular folks to be pandering to special interests in an election year. I urge you to go back and get a better deal for us. Why does it seem that no one is advocating for the large majority of hard workers in this State who do not work in the public sector? Enough is enough.

State workers were fortunate enough to receive automatic raises in 2019, 2020 and 2021, all while being protected from layoffs. No other working person in our state was this fortunate. With Connecticut still missing tens of thousands of jobs since the lockdowns, this is the wrong time to ask 98% of our taxpayers to pay for raises that will average more than 15 percent between now and next year.

Please vote NO on the SEBAC agreement . The people of Connecticut deserve better.

Kim Healy
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